

INCOME TAX FIGHT BEGUN.

PRELIMINARY SKIRMISH IN THE SENATE CHAMBER YESTERDAY.

Senator Hill to Make an Honest Fight
Against the Appropriation to Carry the
Law Into Effect—He Will Be Ably
Supported by Senator Quay—All the Items
in the Urgency Deficiency Bill Agreed
to in Committee of the Whole Except
the Income Tax Appropriation—Senator
Quay Gives Notice of Amendments to
Strike Out the Appropriation, Re-
sume the McKim Bill, and Restore the
Duty on Wool and Woolen Goods.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The income tax fight will begin in the Senate to-morrow in earnest. The Urgency Deficiency Appropriation bill, which contains an appropriation for carrying out the obnoxious law, was taken up to-day, and a little skirmish was had, participated in by Senators Cockrell and Peffer in favor of the tax, and Senators Hill and Quay in opposition, the three political parties in the Senate being thus represented. Senator Hill will make an earnest, sincere fight against the bill, just as he did against the original proposition for the imposition of the tax, and he is ably supported by Senator Quay and other Republicans. But it is hardly possible that the New York Senator will receive any substantial support on the Democratic side of the chamber. Senator Cockrell of Missouri, the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, has been pending bill in charge, had an idea this morning that he could rush the measure to a vote to-day, and he peremptorily refused the request of Senator Hill that the bill be put over until next week to afford him an opportunity to prepare himself for his fight against it. No headway was made in the discussion of the measure, however, and it was finally allowed to go over until to-morrow, all the proposed amendments to be printed in the mean time, for the information of the Senate.

Senator Quay appears to be next to Senator Hill the most determined opponent of the income tax, and he gave the friends of the measure a hard to-day by intimating that he intends to prolong the debate upon it indefinitely. The Senator still has a great pile of undelivered manuscripts in his desk, comprising a sort of rebuttal to his famous anti-tax speech, and it is feared that he intends to read it to the Senate in order to postpone the taking of a vote. Chairman Cockrell is plainly disturbed by the attitude of the Pennsylvania Senator, and is at a loss to know just what it means.

In the preliminary skirmish to-day an amusing colloquy took place between Senators Cockrell and Hill as to the meaning of the recent Democratic defeat in New York State and elsewhere, the Senator from Missouri claiming the result to be an endorsement of the Income Tax Law and twisting the New York Senator, its complete opposite. The colloquy was continued in the race for the Governorship. Quick as a flash Senator Hill good-naturedly replied that the Democratic disaster throughout the country could not by any means be accepted as an endorsement of the Wilson Tariff bill, for which the Senator from New York was fighting. He then turned to the subject of the tariff, and after a very much amused the Senator and the latter was a little upset by the somewhat peppery debate.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—A preliminary skirmish over the items in the Urgency Deficiency bill appropriating \$211,800 for 303 additional deputy collectors of internal revenue and \$18,000 for ten additional revenue agents, in connection with the enforcement of the income tax, took place in the Senate to-day.

Mr. Cockrell (Dem., Mo.), Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, asked unanimous consent to have the Urgency Deficiency bill taken up to-day.

Mr. Hill (Rep., N. Y.) asked him if he intended to press that bill to a vote to-day.

Mr. Cockrell replied he understood that there were a number of speeches to be made upon it; but he would like to get it as nearly completed to-day as he could.

Mr. Hill suggested that there might be an understanding that all of the bill should be disposed of to-day except the appropriation for the collection of the income tax, and that that should go over until next week.

Mr. Cockrell said that he hardly felt justified in delaying action on the bill next week. The preceding offer put the question on Mr. Cockrell's request for unanimous consent, but objection was made by Mr. Quay.

Mr. Cockrell then moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the Urgency Deficiency bill, and the motion was agreed to, yes, 43; nay, 3.

The first amendment in the bill which aroused opposition was that inserting the word "fractional" in the item appropriating \$100,000 for the recoupment of silver coins. It was opposed and argued against by Mr. Cockrell (Rep., La.), but was adopted—yes, 40; nay, 3 (Blanchard, Kyle, and Peffer).

The amendment appropriating \$25,000 for the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion act was adopted.

In item for \$18,950 for increased force in the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue was questioned by Mr. Hill (Dem., N. Y.) as to whether it did not apply indirectly to the collection of the income tax. An explanation was made by Mr. Cockrell which appeared to be satisfactory to Mr. Hill, and the item was adopted.

The income tax provision in the bill was then reached. They appropriated \$121,800 for salaries and expenses for six months of 303 additional deputy collectors, including stationery and printing, to carry into effect the act of Aug. 28, 1894, imposing a tax on incomes, and \$10,000 for salaries and expenses of ten additional revenue agents.

These items were laid over without action for the present.

The amendment inserting an item of \$200,000 for continuing improvement of the harbor of Baltimore was agreed to by Mr. Hill.

The bill having been printed in Committee of the Whole, excepted by Mr. Hill (Dem., N. Y.) offered as an amendment the one which Mr. Quay (Rep., Pa.) gave notice of, "nothing in any law, act, resolution, or order of the Senate shall be construed to grant any collection of taxes shall be brought in any court."

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METHOD IN DEFAULTING TREASURER TAYLOR'S FLIGHT.

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PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 10.—In examining the circumstances of the defection of ex-Treasurer Taylor the State officers have discovered evidence which leads them to believe that there was a conspiracy to put the State in a hole and to extort a compromise through which both Taylor and his husbands were to secure immunity. It is not known who were the parties, but the fact is regarded as certain. The State was in financial trouble. Had this money not been lost the deficit on the 1st of July would have been fully \$100,000, and the Legislature would have faced a serious situation, the limit both of taxation and debt has been reached. The end of a fiscal year in November last was called upon to pay at least \$500,000, and the expected revenue will not be more than \$220,000. Two hundred thousand dollars in funding warrants are now due. Taylor knew this, and it is believed that finding himself short about \$100,000, and being unable to raise enough to make a settlement, he took advice and decided to seize all the funds on hand and put them where he could get them when he desired. Had he come to Pierre and confessed his shortage he would have gone to the State officers and surrendered his bonds, and he would have been released. But now the State is bankrupt unless some method is devised of getting money. Consequently if a proposition is made to give up the \$200,000 on condition that Taylor and the bonds be released from prosecution, it seems likely that the officers would have to accept it. Those best informed think they have solid evidence that this was the plan, and they are supported in their belief by the fact that a telegram has been received from ex-Gov. Mellette,